Export of garments manufactured by SSI

1174. SHRI BRATIN SENGUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have announced any facilities or incentives to promote export of garments manufactured by small scale industries;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any increase in export during current year against last year, from this sector; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF TEXTILES (SHRI V. DHANANJAY KUMAR): (a) and (b) Garment manufacturing Small Scale Industries (SSI) units are eligible for the special benefits generally available to the small scale units such as priority sector lending to SSI, enhancing the limit of composite loans etc. The readymade garment units registered as SSI have also been exempted from the levy of central excise for home clearance upto Rs. 1 crore in the case of woven garments. In addition, besides Drawback & DEPB benefits, garment manufacturing SSI units can also avail of several facilities and incentives to promote exports of garments such as quota for investment under New Investor Entitlement (NIE) etc. Assistance under Technology Upgradation Fund Scheme (TUFS) helps the units in upgrading their technology & competitiveness.

(c) and (d) No separate figures are maintained for exports made by SSI sector. However, more than 95% of the garment exporting units are in SSI sector. As per latest available DGCI&S data upto April 2001, the exports of readymade garments during the period January-April, 2001 amounted to US$ 1840.8 Million as compared to US$ 1787.4 Million during the corresponding period of 2000, recording an increase of 3.0%.